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## BARR HAS LONG RECORD ON MAT

Became Prominent Wrestler When Seventeen Years Old.

## BILLITER JOLTED NELSON

Toledo Wrestler Nearly Put Out Dane in Exhibition—Case Where Winning Meant Losing.

Now that the amateur wrestlers have had their fling at the Y. M. C. A., the professionals are coming to the front again.

The next match in Washington between pros. will be next Saturday night at the Washington Light Infantry Armory, when Rob Roy Mackey, of Washington, meets Eddie Barr, of Cincinnati, in a finish engagement, best two out of three falls. In making this match Mackey has gone out of his class. He is a 148-pound man, and has done his best work at that weight, but welters were scarce, and Barr was extremely anxious to come to Washington, so he decided to accommodate the Olean. Because of the difference in pounds, and the fact that Barr has been in the game fully as long as Mackey, and has an even greater reputation as a wrestler, it would not be surprising if Mackey lost.

### Real Name Is Grunert.

Barr's real name is Adolph Grunert. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in August, 1874, and began wrestling at Springfield, Ohio, when he was seventeen years old. After cleaning up all amateurs around Springfield he began his professional career by defeating A. J. Lawrence, who was reckoned a good man. Encouraged by this victory Barr went regularly into the business, and has been meeting all comers ever since.

Barr laid off for a while in 1905, and announced that he had retired, but wrestling is a hard game to quit, and he came back this year. He began 1906 by losing to Charles Leonard, at Knoxville, Tenn., on January 10, but retrieved himself by defeating Leonard in the same town two weeks later. Shortly afterward he beat Billy Edwards at Knoxville, and in Hamilton, Ohio, and Walter Evans, in Knoxville. His match with Evans was the first step in an extensive campaign he has mapped out, and which will last until April 10.

### Billiter Blasts Hurdle.

Speaking of wrestlers, Bill Hurdle, of Toledo, Ohio, was in town this week with Johnny Billiter, who, he claims, is the best lightweight wrestler in public. Billiter is about 5 feet 5 inches tall, and unusually thick through the chest and broad across the shoulders. His legs are not as good as his shoulders, which has caused many opponents to underestimate his strength, to their sorrow. Billiter thought he was going to wrestle here on Monday night with Mackey, but the match had been called off, and through a mix-up in telegrams he and Hurdle made the trip from Toledo for nothing.

On Tuesday, Billiter went to Baltimore, and that night blasted an anxious youngster who calls himself Young Hurdle. This boy had been wearing medals on his breast and back, and was counted quite some pumpkins until he went against Ohio lad, who put him away in nineteen minutes for the first fall, after which the Baltimorean refused to return to the mat.

While in Baltimore a tentative match was arranged between Billiter and Columbus, of Baltimore. Columbus used to call himself a lightweight champion, and was a really good man, but he retired some years ago, and has not been in public much since then. He is said to have backing for a side bet of \$200 with Billiter, and if they do get together for this real money, there will be a fast bout, for Columbus is capable of making Billiter go the limit.

### Jolted Bat Nelson.

Billiter is somewhat of a boxer when there is any money in it. Among those he has met is Battling Nelson. They went on for a three-round exhibition some months ago in Toledo, when the wrestler was in need of ready coin. Billiter was to get \$50 for taking nine minutes of punning from the Dane. In the first round Nelson, who never was much of a clever boxer, began some monkey business to show how good he was, and Billiter suddenly sent in a right punch to the body, nearly put him out. The audience went wild, but that was the only time Billiter used his right, for Billy Nolan, Nelson's manager, jumped around to the wrestler's corner and told him that if he hit the Dane again with the starboard duke he would not get a cent more. The line-up of a meal-ticket, Billiter dutifully confined himself to poking away with his left and doing his best to prevent the spiteful Dane from knocking his block off.

Behre, Billiter, and other Toledo sports agree with the general condemnation of Nolan as a black eye to the fight game all over the country, and a man whom the Dane should shake at once, but they are of the opinion that Nolan has in some way persuaded the Dane to put up with him, and that the Dane will be sacrificed if they should split and that Nelson is standing for Nolan in order to save the money.

### ST. JOHN'S DEFEAT A. C. TEAM.

St. John's defeated the Alexandria Athletic Club basketball team at Alexandria last night in an interesting game by 37 to 20. The work of Captain Robertson was easily the feature. The Washingtonian made more than half the points scored by his team. The line-up of the winning team: Robertson and J. Holmes, forwards; R. Holmes, center; Barry and Burens, guards. The winners want games with all local teams. Address T. P. Barry, 1215 L street north-west.

## LOST CLOSE DECISION



TOMMY MURPHY.

Harlem Boxer Who Met Matty Baldwin in Chelsea, Mass., Last Night.

## CHAMPIONSHIP BELT FOR HEAVYWEIGHTS WHEN MURPHY LOSES

McCarey Offers One Valued at \$5,500 (Maybe) for O'Brien and Burns.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—Tommy Burns and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien probably will settle the question of the heavyweight championship before the Pacific Athletic Club when the Shriners are in Los Angeles next May.

Manager McCarey holds a \$2,000 forfeit from Tommy Burns for appearance and in return promises not only 60 per cent of the gate receipts, or a top notch purse, but also the most expensive championship belt ever held up.

The belt which McCarey offers will be valued at \$5,500, which is \$500 more than the value of the Fox belt, which was offered John L. Sullivan. The proposition which was made by McCarey yesterday and accepted by Burns at the spot disposals for all time of counter propositions from Searchlight, Rhyolite or other rival clubs.

The proposition will remain open to O'Brien until three months from yesterday, and should the Philadelphia lawyer not accept, the belt will go to Burns and Tommy will defend it against the best heavyweight then available.

### Raises Sullivan Belt \$500.

Squires, of Australia, probably will be the man to whom the chance for battle would go in the event of O'Brien's side-stepping the match. The information that the Jack Dempsey belt was worth \$3,500.

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## REFEREE IS HISSED WHEN MURPHY LOSES

Crowd Couldn't See Where Matty Baldwin Had Won Fight in Chelsea.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—Matty Baldwin, of Boston, defeated Tommy Murphy, of New York, at Pythian Hall, Chelsea, last night, in one of the fastest and best bouts ever seen at the Douglas Club. Referee Jack Sheehan awarded the decision to Baldwin, but it was met with disapproval and hisses by the large crowd present.

Murphy was the aggressor up to the ninth round, and had a shade the better of the fight when he broke his hand and went to the back. Baldwin fought one of the best fights of his career, but up to the ninth round the boy from New York outpointed him.

Baldwin showed up good in the last four rounds of the fight, and battered Murphy around the ring. Although Murphy was handicapped by his broken hand, he displayed clever judgment at critical stages.

The State police were on hand early, and a large crowd was expected, and only admitted 1,400 people into the building. Struggling masses outside tried to gain admission, but the police were obstinate, and refused to let them. Tickets were sold on the door as high as \$5 apiece.

Jack Ahearn and Jack Purcell, who participated in the preliminary bout, were locked up on the charge of mutual assault, and were taken to the Chelsea police station, where later in the evening they were bailed and will appear in the Chelsea police court this morning to answer to the charge.

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## DUEL OF SALARIES IS FINE FOR PRESIDENTS

Baseball Officials Profiting by Rivalry of Leagues—No Work in Sight for Rules Committees—Poor Trade Suggested.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

As was predicted in The Times on Sunday, the horrible massacre which was to take place at the American League meeting when Chief Comiskey and President Stan Johnson got together yesterday merely resulted in raising Johnson's salary from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Instead of hurling epithets and javelins at each other they tossed bouquets and all is now peace in the league until day after next month, or some other time when Johnson tries to bulldoze Comiskey, when the merry war will be resumed. This duel of salaries is a funny one. The National League, in order to be on a plane with its American rival, proposed to raise the salary of President Harry Pulliam from \$5,000 to \$10,000, whereupon the American got busy and boosted Johnson \$5,000. Fine for the presidents. If this racket keeps up, by the time Johnson's term expires, in 1910, the Secretary of the Treasury will have to put more money into circulation in order to have ready coin to meet the salary checks of the two officials.

### Brush and Herrmann in Bad.

That the National League refused to stultify itself turning down President Pulliam was according to program, but not necessarily according to precedent, for that organization has never failed to utterly disregard public opinion in the playing of its own meanly, petty politics. The re-election of Pulliam is a triumph for clean baseball, and means that when an umpire goes on the field next season he will be reasonably sure of having some authority and will not need a battery of heavy artillery to protect him from such managers as John McGraw.

John T. Brush has been an unlovely figure in baseball for these many years, but he never showed himself in a worse light than when he fought Pulliam this time. The only man who could get in worse was Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati, chairman of the national commission, the body supposed to see that everybody gets his rights in baseball and that decency and honesty are upheld even if offenders have to be black-listed for life, and he also opposed Pulliam.

### Nothing for Rules Committees.

Coored by the attitude of the National League, the American has adopted the 15-game schedule, and refused to cut the season to 140 games. Whether it would have been policy to cut loose from the National in this respect is hard to say, but anyone who has been compelled to attend the opening and closing games under the present schedule knows that it should be shortened in the interest of all connected with the sport.

Dreyfuss, Hanlon, and Murphy have been appointed a rules committee of the National League to discuss prospective changes in the rules with a similar committee from the American, when the two leagues get together in New York in February. The jobs on these committees will be a snap. There has practically been no talk this winter of changing the rules, and all the wild schemes which were suggested last winter have been put on the shelf.

### Poor Trade for Patten.

Not even the foul-suit rule has been attacked since the season closed, which shows that sports of all kinds have been flourishing to such an extent that the doers have had plenty of current matters to discuss and have had to neglect their friends. President Tom Noyes, of the Washington club, is a member of the American League committee, and said before he left for Chicago that he knew of absolutely nothing to be threshed out at its next meeting.

Clarkson, a pitcher of uncertain quality, who makes regular pilgrimages to

the minor leagues "for more experience, and Delahanty, by no means a sensational outfielder, as a trade for Case Patten, Washington's only pitcher of class, does not look good, even if Patten is anxious to get away from Washington. He is too valuable a man to let go for that class material.

John Heydler, of Washington, has been made secretary-treasurer of the National League. He is a highly capable man and deserves the place.

### Clubhouse for Visitors.

The proposition to have separate club houses at all parks for visiting teams went through at the National League meeting, and the constitution was so amended. This amendment, which was offered by Brush, reads:

"Each park shall also be provided with proper and suitable dressing rooms for visiting players, the same to be supplied with toilet conveniences, hot and cold water, including shower baths, and twenty suitable lockers, to be properly cared for and made subject to the control, during the occupancy thereof, of the visiting team."

### May Be Good Idea.

Hitherto in every city in the league except New York and Brooklyn, the visiting players rode to and from the parks in carriages and omnibuses. This practice is ended by the dressing room innovation. Also it frequently happened that in leaving the grounds in carriages, visiting players were made targets for rocks and stones, thrown by grouchy and twenty suitable lockers, to be properly cared for and made subject to the control, during the occupancy thereof, of the visiting team."

### SWARTHMORE DECIDES TO GIVE UP BASEBALL.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the Athletic Association of Swarthmore College Tuesday night, S. Frank Butler was elected manager of the football team of 1907, Newell Alford being chosen assistant manager.

The association considered the advisability of organizing a baseball team, but the proposition when put to a vote was lost. Swarthmore has a first-class lacrosse team and it was decided that it would not be well to run the risk of possibly weakening this line of sport by organizing a baseball team.

### GOLF PLAYERS LIMITED IN AMATEUR CONTESTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Association here an amendment to the constitution was adopted limiting the players eligible to compete for the amateur championship of the association to bona fide residents of the district covered by the association.

### CASTLE IVANHOE WINS.

Castle Ivanhoe, K. O. K. A., defeated the St. John's basketball team Tuesday night by 14 to 12.

The favorites were the playing of Buck and Nevitt. The line-up:

K. O. K. A. Positions. St. John's. Freeman.....R. F.....Nelson. Frech.....L. F.....Riggins. Harrington.....C.....Patterson. Buck.....G.....Thompson. Nevitt.....L. G.....Kraft.

## BALTIMORE CLUBS TO HOLD BIG MEET

Effort Will Be Made to Secure Washington Entries. Opening of Season.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Three of the largest local athletic associations—the Mt. Washington Club, the Maryland Athletic Club, and the Fifth Regiment Athletic Association—will give a triple open athletic meet in the Fifth Regiment Armory on Saturday, January 12, 1907. This will be the first meet of the season and will start the athletic year for Baltimore indoors.

It is hoped to make this the largest set of contests ever held in the South. Entry blanks are to be sent to all of the large Eastern, Southern, and Middle West universities, as well as the big athletic clubs. A special effort will be made to procure entries from Washington.

### List of Events.

The list of events will be decided at a special meeting of the committee to be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Fifth Regiment Armory. Special events will probably be arranged for the militia and the regulars, and relay races will be a feature of the meet. It is also likely that a dual contest will be arranged between Hopkins and some large Eastern university.

It is also hoped to get some special individual events between the various champions of track and field from the Eastern universities.

### CORCORAN CADETS EASILY DEFEAT SHAMROCK QUINT

The Corcoran Cadets took the second game of the season from the Shamrock five yesterday evening in the Center Market Armory by the large margin of 22 to 4. Fuse, for the losers, and Hunter and Lewis, for the winners, were the stars. It has been found necessary to postpone the game which was scheduled for Friday night between the Corcorans and the Baltimore Young Men's Christian Association. Last night's line-up:

Corcorans. Positions. Shamrocks. Sullivan, Lewis.....R. F.....Sullivan. Hunter.....L. F.....Fuse. Daly.....C.....McDonald. Canessa.....R. G.....Harris. Giovannioli.....L. G.....Carroll. Gals-Lewis, 3; Hunter, 3; Daly, 3; Giovannioli and Fuse, 2. Free Throws—Daly, 2. Referee—Mr. Schlosser. Timer—Mr. Stull.

### DEPARTMENTALS WIN BY SUPERIOR TEAMWORK

Superior teamwork on the part of the Departmental team of the Young Men's Christian Association won the game last night after disastrous defeats in the only two games played, with Columbia and the Springfield Training School. It was the general opinion that the present team was not a representative Yale organization. A team of stronger material will be formed next spring, when games with rival universities will be arranged.

### TOM LAWSON CAPTURES SPECIAL MATCH RACE

In the three-horse match race for \$100 which was run off at the Brightwood Driving Park yesterday afternoon, Vibrator was withdrawn, leaving Tom Lawson and Alack as the only contenders. The latter broke down completely, and Tom Lawson was an easy winner. Sims rode Alack and Brown had the leg up on the winner.

## RACE DATES FOR 1907 ARE APPROVED

Western Jockey Club Assns Meetings and Elects Officers for Ensuing Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Race dates for 1907 were approved and officers elected at the annual meeting of the board of stewards of the Western Jockey Club yesterday. R. Fitzgerald was elected chairman; Valle Reyburn, vice chairman; and Harvey T. Woodruff, secretary-treasurer and forfeit clerk.

### The Dates:

Crescent City Jockey Club, January 1 to January 5, January 21 to February 2, February 12 to March 2, March 13 to March 23; New Louisiana Jockey Club, March 25 to March 30, and Oklahoma Jockey Club, Hot Springs, Ark., February 4 to April 13.

Approval was given for a spring and a fall meeting at the Douglas Park Jockey Club, Louisville, with exact dates to be submitted later.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Western Jockey Club the three expiring terms of stewards were filled by the re-election of Fitzgerald, Montgomery, and Reyburn.

### PRICE IS CAPTAIN OF W. AND J. ELEVEN

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 12.—Orrie Kerr Price, of Pittsburg, quarterback, was Tuesday night elected captain of the Washington and Jefferson College football team over David Morrow, center, of Washington, the vote being 7 to 6.

### YALE SOCKER A FAILURE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—Yale's soccer football team was disbanded last night after disastrous defeats in the only two games played, with Columbia and the Springfield Training School. It was the general opinion that the present team was not a representative Yale organization. A team of stronger material will be formed next spring, when games with rival universities will be arranged.

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